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1. SCIATT LEARNED TODAY FROM DR. ETEMAD THAT ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION OF IRAN(AEOI) IS PREPARING QUOTE COUNTERPROPOSALS UNQUOTE AFTER HAVING STUDIED MAY 1976 DRAFT OF US/IRAN ATOMIC ENERGY BILATERAL. HE SAID THESE SHULD BE READY SOON AND IN TIME FOR A MEETING OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE OF THE USIRJC. PARENTHETICALLY HE COMMENTED ON HOW COMPLICATD THE LANGUAGE OF THE AGREEMENT WAS BECOMING. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAD BEEN INFORMED LATE LAST WEEK FROM TWO SEPARATE AND RELIABLE SOURCES THAT AEOI SENIOR PEOPLE HAD MET TO CONSIDER THE BILATERAL AND THAT IT HAD COME IN FOR CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM FOR ITS INCREASING COMPLEXITY. ONE SOURCE REPORTED THAT DR. ETEMAD EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AGREEMENT ON THE BILATERAL COULD BE REACHED AT THE NEXT MEETING. HOWEVER, THIS REMARK MAY HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THIS WAS WHAT THE INFORMANT WANTED TO HEAR.

2. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT HIS REACTION TO THE IDEA OF ENLARGING THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE TO BECOME AN ENERGY COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS COOPERATION IN SOLAR ENERGY AS WELL, CONFIDENTIAL

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DR. ETEMAD SAID HE THOUGHT THIS WAS A GOOD IDEA BUT THAT

MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FIANANCE ANSARY HAD NOT DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT WITH HIM. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS BEEN TOLD THAT VAFA, DEPUTY TO ANSARY, WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH DR. ETEMAD TO CLEAR UP THIS MATTER AFFECTING THE COMPOSITION OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE COMMITTEE MEETING. HELMS

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